## **Democrats' Budget Highlights Hypocrisy** of Hollow Rhetoric

## **Democrats Promise to Cut Spending**

"I think we should sharply inhibit the growth of spending." – Senator Conrad at FY 2004 Budget Resolution mark-up, March 12, 2003

"I think most of it is going to have to be on the spending side of the equation, given the magnitude of the Baby Boom generation." – Senator Conrad, FY 2008 Budget hearing, February 8, 2007

"We need to be tough on spending. – Senator Conrad on "60 Minutes," March 4, 2007

BUT....Democrats' Budget Increases Spending by \$125-\$150 Billion Over President's Request; Spends \$1 Trillion of Social Security Surplus

## **Democrats Promise to Reduce Debt**

"I want to make very clear my strong personal belief is we are going to have to find savings in Medicaid, we are going to have to find savings in Medicare, and we are going to have to find savings across the board because we are in deep deficit and growing debt." – Senator Conrad, FY 2006 Budget Resolution mark-up, March 10, 2005

"No one should over-promise. No one should overstate. It is going to take serious, consistent discipline on spending, on revenue and on entitlement reform for us to truly make progress." Senator Conrad, statement on Senate floor, January 4, 2007

**BUT....Democrats' Budget Increases Deficit by \$200-\$300 Billion** and Gross Debt by \$2 Trillion

## **Democrats Promise Entitlement Reform**

"I have said I am prepared to get savings out of long-term entitlement programs." – Senator Conrad, FY 2008 Budget hearing, February 7, 2007

And we need to reform the entitlement programs." – Senator Conrad on "60 Minutes," March 4, 2007

**BUT....Democrats' Budget Makes No Attempt to Reduce Entitlement Growth That Threatens Future Generations**